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SUBJ: TENNECO SIX

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1. BELIEVE GOS AND NIMEIRI ALREADY HAVE COOPERATED FULLY IN MAKING AVAILABLE SUDANESE GOOD OFFICES. FROM THIS DISTANCE WOULD APPEAR THAT IEG IS THE GOVT. WHICH HAS SO FAR FAILED PERFORM EFFICACIOUSLY ON THIS ISSUE. IN CIRCUMSTANCES NEW APPROACH NIMEIRI "INDUCE ELF KEEP THEIR DEMANDS WITHIN LIMITS ACCEPTABLE IEG"-RATHER THAN NEW EFFORT SEEK DIRECTLY TO EXPAND THOSE LIMITS ACCEPTABLE IEG-WOULD SMACK OF REQUEST THAT SUDANESE PRESIDENT PULL SOMEONE ELSE'S CHESTNUTS OUT OF FIRE. THIS WOULD IGNORE VERY SENSITIVE NATURE GOS/IEG RELATIONS RE ELF AND OVERLOOK FACT THAT ISSUE IS BASICALLY ONE BETWEEN ELF AND IEG. NIMEIRI MIGHT CONCEIVABLY AGREE PROFFER SOME GENERALIZED COUNSEL OF MODERATION TO ELF BUT WHAT MIGHT CONSTITUTE "MODERATE (ELF) NEGOTIATING POSITION" FROM STANDPOINT IEG NOT KNOWN HERE. NIMEIRI HARDLY IN POSITION PROVIDE EITHER DEGREE IEG RECOGNITION WHICH ELF APPARENTLY DESIRES; RELEASE IEG PRISONERS OR PAYMENT TENNECO RANSOM.

2. ACCORDINGLY, I CONTINUE FEEL THAT WHILE APPROACH NIMEIRI MIGHT WELL BE USEFUL IN FINAL STAGES OF AN UNSUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATION IN ORDER TO BREAK SOME FINAL IMPASSE OR STRIKE SOME UTLIMATE

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BARGAIN, CURRENT SUSPENSION TENNECO TALKS LEAVES PROTOGANISTS

TOO FAR APART ON TOO MANY ISSUES FOR ANTHING NIMEIRI MIGHT BE
WILLING TO DO TO BE NOTABLY HELPFUL.

3. WHILE TENNECO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT BREAKING OFF ALL CONTACT
WITH ELF (CARRIED BBC MORNING JUNE 9) INTRODUCES NEW ELEMENT,
IT CLEARLY DESIGNED STIMULATE ELF MOVEMENT.

4. SINCE NO WORD RECEIVED FROM ZEIN VIA GOS
PUBLIC SECURITY, TENNECO'S GRAHAM RETURNED ADDIS EARLY
JUNE 9. HOWEVER, EMBOFF NOW HAS APPOINTMENT 1300 HOURS
LOCAL TIME TO RECEIVE MESSAGE FROM ELF/GC VIA ACTING CHIEF
PUBLIC SAFETY.
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